

SAINT EMERY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(St. Stephen of Hungary, Bridgeport, CT 1897-1971)
Szent Imre Romai Katolikus Templom

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a date established ahead of time. Parents are required to attend a pre-Baptism instruction. Sponsors (godparents) must meet church requirements.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) will be celebrated on every Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM. Please call St. Emery's at 203-334-0312 to make an appointment for individual confession.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Couples must attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Conference. No booking for a reception should be finalized until an initial meeting is scheduled with Father Milan Dimic or Deacon Rudy.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Families moving into the parish should register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. The celebration of Sacraments and Sponsorship Certificates will only be extended to Registered/Sustaining Parishioners.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for pastoral visits and Communion calls to the sick. Emergency sick calls are made at any time.

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Fax (Office) 203-579-9423

Email: stemery@optimum.net
Faith Formation Email: stemery2@optimum.net
Website: www.stemerys.com



LITURGICAL LIFE
EUCHARISTIC LITURGY (MASS)
Saturday Evening (Vigil) 4:30PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM



838 Kings Highway East

MASS+ INTENTIONS

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

Saturday, Dec. 1—Ordinary Weekday

4:30 PM Willard Dwinells (1st anniv) rb wife, Mary Ann

Sunday, Dec. 2—First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Asuncion Gutierrez rb daughter and grandson

11:00 AM Peter Biagiarelli rb Lisa Biagiarelli

Monday, Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM Asuncion Gutierrez rb daughters, Margot & Jacqueline

Tuesday, Dec. 4—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Wednesday, Dec. 5—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM For improved health rb Justina Psenicnik

Thursday, Dec. 6—Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik

Friday, Dec. 7—Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10:00 AM For the parishioners of St. Emery (Holy Day)

4:30 PM Chester Stepkovitch (14th Anniv)rb Bernice Felinski

Sunday, Dec. 9—Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Marion F. Laska rb son, Edward Laska

11:00 AM Special Intention rb Justina Psenicnik



ETERNAL LIGHT

This week our eternal light burns brightly in memory of the deceased members of St. Emery Parish.

Welcome to New Members at Saint Emery's

We have been seeing new faces recently, we are happy to welcome you to our Family in Faith. Please let us know if you have any questions or ideas. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

We ask you to remember in prayer and thought those members of our Parish family – the sick, hospitalized, homebound or elderly and nursing home residents who are unable to worship with us. May the Healing Hand of the Lord be upon them and those who care for them. Please pray for others who are ill or weak and those who hide their suffering. Please especially remember in your prayers, Miralia Torres, Terri Wasilewski, Kevin Leary, Maria Santos, Fr. Stephen Balint, Gary Dicso, Suzanne Barnum, Helen Kautzner, Tanner Clavarino, Elizabeth Jando, Doris Estock, Dorothy Rouleau, Sherry DeSabella and Ralph Fisco. If you have someone that you would like included in our prayers, please contact the rectory at 203-334-0312.

Offertory Collection November 17-18, 2018

Total of All Masses	\$ 1121.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 322.00
Via Mail	\$ 130.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1573.00
Other Donations	\$ 12.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 208.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 120.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 20.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 360.00
Total Collections	\$ 1933.00

Offertory Collection November 24-25, 2018

Total of All Masses	\$ 800.00
Loose All Masses	\$ 430.00
Via Mail	\$ 305.00
Total Offerings	\$ 1535.00
Other Donations	\$ 5.00
Fuel	\$ 462.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 83.00
Total Other Collections	\$ 550.00
Total Collections	\$ 2085.00



Reader Schedule December 8-9

4:30 PM	Sue Gulyas—Reader
9:00 AM	Ed Laska—Reader
11:00 AM	Cathy Pavlowski—Reader

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

"Stay awake! ... Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. When the ultimate Advent comes--when Jesus returns--we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field.

Advent is a time to pay attention. Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ? St. Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light hinders physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again--even like a thief in the night--he will find us ready and waiting.

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38



Saint Emery Parish Pastoral Staff

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Mr. Robert P. Kavasansky,

Music Director-Organist

Miss Mary Rose Garych

Choir News

Our choir is looking for new members. All voices high school age and older are welcome to join, and anyone interested should contact Music Director Mary Rose Garych after Mass or at [203-981-4790](tel:203-981-4790) or mriwg@optonline.net. No musical training required but all must have a love of singing! We are looking to expand the music ministry and always welcome new members.



**Adult choir rehearsals are held
Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM please join us!**

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Emery Prayer Group

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12, you can join us in the rectory or contact the parish office to join us from home.

Benediction and Adoration

December 9, 9:00 AM
December 16, 11:00 AM
January 5, 4:30 PM



DECEMBER



Birthdays

Day

2 Stephanie Polke
4 Michael Cardichon
6 Alex Szedlmayer

May God bless you on your special day!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Bridgeport
Introductory video of Bishop Frank Caggiano explaining the catechesis of the new Liturgical Norms is available for viewing at formationreimagined.org/liturgical-norms. All parishioners are asked to view this video. There will also be bulletin a insert this week.

Notre Dame High School, West Haven

Open House, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6-8 PM. Admission test Sat., Nov. 10, 8-11:30 AM and Tues., Nov. 13 3-6:30 PM. Contact them at www.notredamehs.com.

Handel's Messiah, Saturday Dec. 8 at 8:00 PM

Celebrate the Season with memorable and inspiring music excerpted from *Handel's Messiah*. Debuted in 1742, today it is one of the most widely performed works throughout the world, and a holiday season favorite!

www.stamfordsymphony.org

ST. EMERY WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 2, 2018

THE PARISH WEBSITE (www.stemerys.com)

News/Events

- Diocese Revised Liturgical Norms posted, Dec. 2
- Christmas Cookie Walk posted, Dec. 8-9
- Ziti and Meatball Dinner photos posted, Sept. 29
- St. Emery Feast Day photos posted, Nov. 4
- St. Emery receives Saint John Paul II Award announcement
- Financial Report for Fiscal-year 2018 posted
- The schedule for 2018 Upcoming Events posted

Outreach

- Christmas Giving Tree posted, Dec. 1-14
- St. Emery 2018 Annual Collection details posted
- The schedule for 2018 Outreach projects posted

Home Page - Website links

- Invitation to sign up to: BestAdventEver.com
- A link to the Parish Facebook page
- A link to On-Line Giving through OSV
- A link to the Diocesan website
- A link to the Religious Education Facebook
- Weekly Bulletin postings

Parish Facebook - Daily Mass

Mass is recorded and streams daily on our Parish Facebook Page in addition to many other Church events and postings. Click-on the **Facebook** icon on the website *Home Page* sidebar.



DIOCESAN COLLECTION

will be taken

December 8-9



Saturday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass for this feast day
will be celebrated at St. Emery's at 10:00 AM



THEME FOR OUR CATECHETICAL YEAR



ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Faith Formation at Home
First Sunday of Advent

The focus of Sunday's Gospel is the Second Coming of Jesus. It contains a strong message for us to not be distracted by problems or our own bad behaviors while we wait. Jesus wants us to be good to others and ourselves while we prepare for his return.

Question of the week

How can you serve and help build the Kingdom of God?

In Church....

Take one of the gift requests from the parish Giving Tree to share the joy and love of Christmas with someone in need.

Family Prayer

Lord, we want to become the people you created us to be. Give us the grace to work on those things we need to correct or improve.



Light the first candle on your Advent wreath this week!



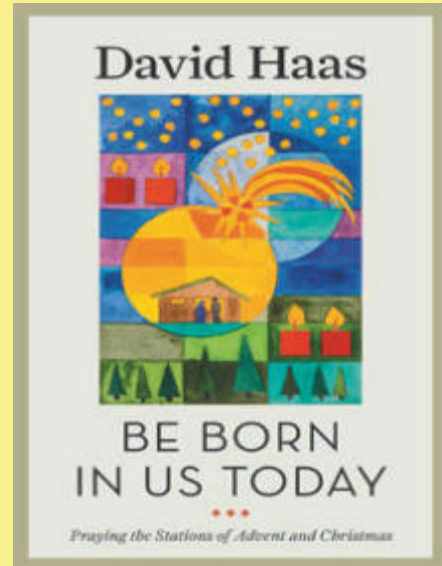
COOKIE WALK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1:00-6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00 PM—12:00 PM

Please help us to make this event a success by baking and donating your baked goods. Please volunteer to bake, sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule. Contact Barbara Chuga, 203-268-4535 or Marie Kassay, 203-333-7534 for more information

Raffle tickets will be available for some beautiful handmade items.



THIS WEEKEND!

ST. EMERY'S CELEBRATES ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018
2:00 PM IN THE CHURCH
SCRIPTURE/REFLECTION/SONG

Let us gather as a parish to begin this most holy season of Advent.



From Father Milan:

I'd like to invite you to join me and your fellow parishioners for "**Best Advent Ever**," a free email program from Dynamic Catholic.

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with "**Best Advent Ever**." Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

All you have to do is sign up at:

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